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Re: Wildhorse Bench consultation 06E23000-2008-F-0233-R001

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Thu, Jan 7, 2016 at 3:10 PM

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Hello Jessi,

Thank you for providing our office with the corrected information and revised BA for the Wildhorse bench grazing permit renewal consultation. We have looked at the information and determined that the changes in the number of cattle will not change our effects determination for any of the species concerned. Therefore, a Section 7 reinitiation will not be required and this email correspondence will serve as documentation of the change. The revised BA and email correspondence will be included in the administrative record for this project.

Thank you,

On Tue, Jan 5, 2016 at 12:49 PM, Brunson, Jessica <jbrunson@blm.gov> wrote: Hello Rita.

As per our phone conversation, an erroneous table was included in the EA/BA we sent you for the Wildhorse Bench consultation. Table 2 on page 3 of the biological opinion (copied from table 2.1 on page 12 of the EA/BA) states that the proposed action is to renew the grazing permit for 94 cattle and 658 AUMs. The correct numbers are 280 cattle and 1,970 AUMs on page 12 of the attached EA/BA, as shown in the image below.

Table 2.1. Alternative A: Permit Mandatory Terms and Conditions

Allotment Number	Allotment Name	Livestock		Grazing Period		Allocation Information		
		Number	Kind	Begin	End	%PL	Type Use	AUMS
08808	Wildhorse Bench	280	Cattle	10/01	05/01	100	Active	1970

These corrected numbers do not change our effects analysis in the EA/BA and do not change our effects determination for listed and conservation agreement species. My apologies for this error. Please let me know if you have any questions or how you would like to proceed.

Thanks, Jessi

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